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House Resolution No. 838

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives always welcome the opportunity to acknowledge milestone events in the lives and careers of Show-Me State educators who admirably help students obtain the knowledge, skills, and experiences necessary to become lifelong learners, involved citizens, and future societal leaders; and

Whereas, Bill Martin has attained considerable distinction as a teacher in the North Saint Francois County School District who has served as head coach of the varsity basketball team for twenty-five years and as an assistant track coach; and

Whereas, on November 27, 2006, coach Bill Martin enhanced his already impressive record of accomplishment when he garnered his 400th career win during the Marissa, Illinois, tournament by beating a team from Woodlawn, Illinois, by a score of 68-46; and

Whereas, coach Bill Martin has continued to add to his career wins total, which stood at 421 on February 16, 2007; and

Whereas, a teacher and coach for the past thirty-one years, Raiders coach Bill Martin was coaching the Lesterville basketball Bearcats in 1977 when the team earned a state champion trophy; and

Whereas, basketball teams under the guidance and training of coach Bill Martin also have earned four district championships and eight conference championships; and

Whereas, a true friend of public education, Bill Martin has enjoyed much success in track competitions where teams he has helped coach have taken conference, district, sectional and state championships and individual students have earned state champion status in their particular events:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, join unanimously to congratulate coach Bill Martin upon the occasion of his 400th career win in varsity basketball on November 27, 2006, and to convey to him this legislative body's most heartfelt best wishes for continued personal, athletic, and academic success for many more years to come; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for presentation to Bill Martin.

Offered by

Representative Brad Robinson

District No. 107

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives,

Ninety fourth General Assembly, First Regular Session, do

Ninety-fourth General Assembly, First Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 838, adopted February 28, 2007.